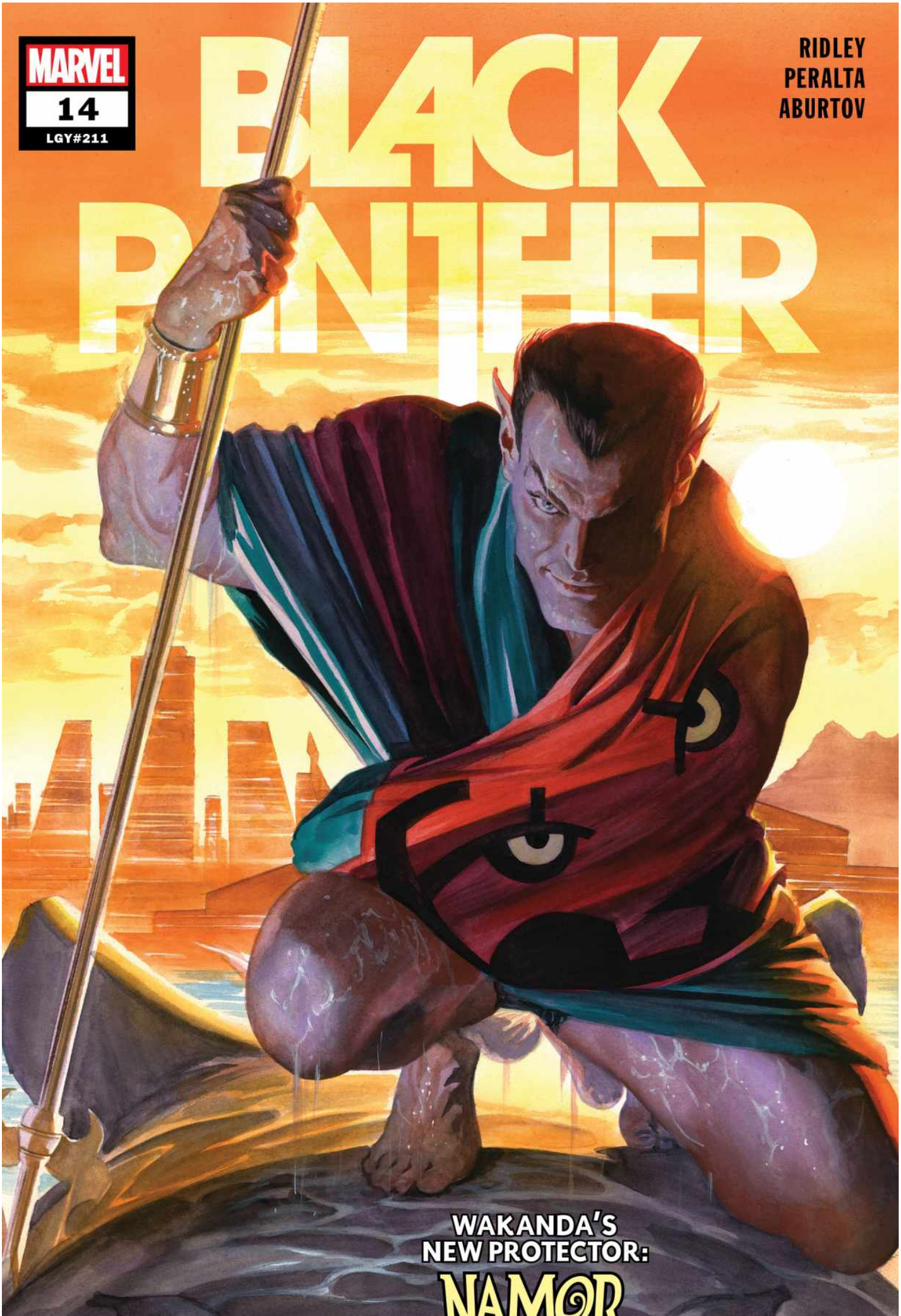
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"ALL THIS AND THE WORLD, TOO"

BOOK FOUR

When the murder of T'Challa's childhood best friend, Jhai, forced him to reveal that Jhai had been part of a network of sleeper agents that T'Challa had embedded all across the globe, the resulting doubt and distrust brought Wakanda to the brink of civil war. In order to preserve the nation's nascent parliamentary democracy, King T'Challa was sent into exile. Black Panther returned to his role as chairperson of the Avengers when a terrorist organization seized control of global communications.

And the terrorists' leader? Jhai himself. But after Earth's Mightiest Heroes learned that T'Challa's own surveillance had helped the terrorists defeat the Avengers, the team's trust was shattered, and the Black Panther removed. Still determined to stop Jhai, T'Challa gathered a team of old friends--and former enemies--and set out for the terrorists' headquarters. Captain America intervened, determined to stop T'Challa from doing something reckless.

As tension between the two finally came to a head, they were interrupted by none other than Namor...there to offer aid to a very surprised T'Challa!

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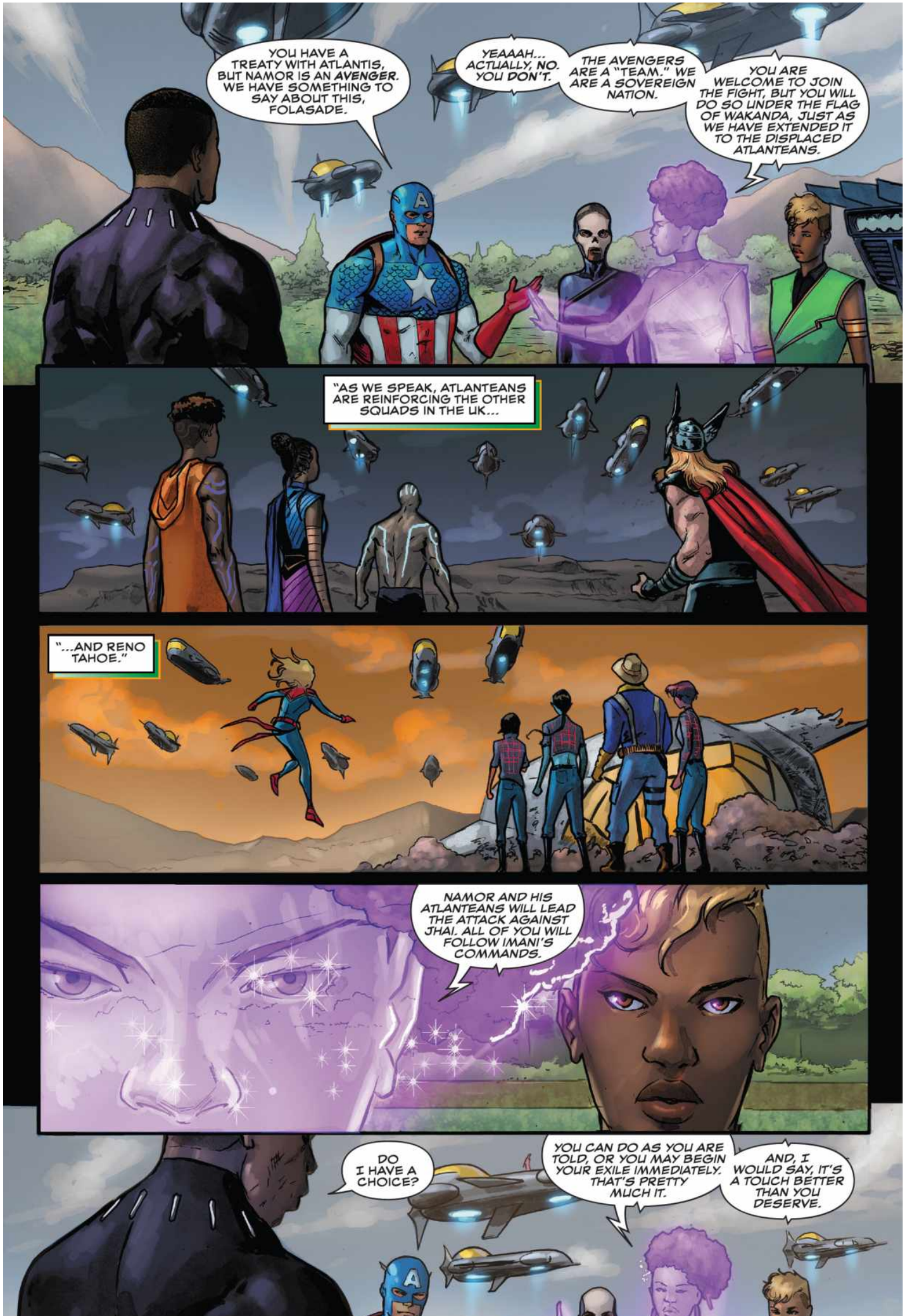
RISE, T'CHALLA...
OSAKA, JAPAN.
...AND KNOW THAT I FIGHT WITH YOU.
NAMOR...?
NAMOR!
YOU WISH TO FIGHT?

THEN LET'S FIGHT.
FOR ALL YOUR TREACHERY...
...FOR THE WAKANDAN LIVES YOU STOLE...
...I PASS JUDGMENT ON YOU.
T'CHALLA!

FOLASADE...
AS PRIME MINISTER OF WAKANDA, I'M ORDERING YOU TO STOP.
I'LL STOP WHEN NAMOR'S DEAD.
YOU WILL STOP NOW. NAMOR, ATLANTIS... THEY ARE NOT OUR ENEMIES.
THEY HAVE SLAUGHTERED OUR PEOPLE.
AS WE HAVE SLAUGHTERED THEIRS. AND WITH YOU AS KING, NO DOUBT THE KILLING WOULD CONTINUE.
BUT YOU'RE NOT KING. NOT ANYMORE. THE DIPLOMATIC MISSION I WAS ON WAS TO SIGN A TREATY THAT WILL GUARANTEE PEACE BETWEEN WAKANDA AND ATLANTIS FOR GENERATIONS TO COME.
THERE CAN NEVER BE PEACE BETWEEN WAKANDA AND ATLANTIS.
THERE IS. AND AS A GESTURE OF GOODWILL, THEY'VE AGREED TO JOIN IN THE MISSION TO STOP THE TERRORISTS YOU CREATED.
FOR WHAT IN RETURN? BECAUSE I PROMISE, WHATEVER YOU CEDED TO THEM THEY WILL USE TO THEIR ADVANTAGE.
WE GAVE AWAY SOMETHING FOR WHICH WE HAVE NO USE.

YOU!
...I DON'T UNDERSTAND...
BY WAY OF THIS TREATY AND UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE PARLIAMENT, YOU HAVE BEEN DECLARED PERSONA NON GRATA AND BANISHED FROM WAKANDA FOR YOUR REMAINING DAYS.
YOU ARE NO LONGER JUST A FORMER KING. YOU ARE NOW A FORMER CITIZEN.
HAHAHAHAHA.
MA'AM...DO NOT LET YOUR HATRED FOR ME BLIND YOU TO NAMOR. HE CANNOT BE TRUSTED. NOT NOW, NOT EVER.
AS OPPOSED TO YOU? YOUR PEOPLE TRUSTED YOU, AND YOU GAVE RISE TO A MAN BENT ON CONTROLLING THE WORLD. AND NOW WE'RE SUPPOSED TO TRUST THAT YOU'LL STOP HIM?
IT ONLY TOOK THREE AVENGERS TO SHUT DOWN YOUR ENTIRE TEAM. AND THANKS TO YOU, WAKANDA HAS NO STANDING MILITARY WITH WHICH TO DEFEND HER INTERESTS.
IF WE RUN TO THE ARMS OF THE ATLANTEANS, IT'S BECAUSE THAT'S THE DIRECTION YOU SHOVED US IN.
HAHAHAHAHA.


YOU HAVE A TREATY WITH ATLANTIS, BUT NAMOR IS AN AVENGER. WE HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY ABOUT THIS, FOLASADE.
YEAAAH... ACTUALLY, NO. YOU DON'T.
THE AVENGERS ARE A "TEAM." WE ARE A SOVEREIGN NATION.
YOU ARE WELCOME TO JOIN THE FIGHT, BUT YOU WILL DO SO UNDER THE FLAG OF WAKANDA, JUST AS WE HAVE EXTENDED IT TO THE DISPLACED ATLANTEANS.
"AS WE SPEAK, ATLANTEANS ARE REINFORCING THE OTHER SQUADS IN THE UK...
"...AND RENO TAHOE."
NAMOR AND HIS ATLANTEANS WILL LEAD THE ATTACK AGAINST JHAI. ALL OF YOU WILL FOLLOW IMANI'S COMMANDS.
DO I HAVE A CHOICE?
YOU CAN DO AS YOU ARE TOLD, OR YOU MAY BEGIN YOUR EXILE IMMEDIATELY. THAT'S PRETTY MUCH IT.
AND, I WOULD SAY, IT'S A TOUCH BETTER THAN YOU DESERVE.

GOOD LUCK TO US ALL AS WE BEGIN THE FIRST JOINT MISSION OF THE WAKANDAN/ ATLANTEAN TREATY ALLIANCE.
HELL OF A MESS, T'CHALLA.
JOIN US, CAPTAIN. HELP US SET THINGS RIGHT...
...FOR THE SAKE OF WAKANDA.
I MAY JUST STICK AROUND AT THAT.
NOW WHAT?
WE MAKE SURE JHAI CAN'T SEND THE WORLD BACK TO THE STONE
SHURI, YOU READ?

COPY YOU, IMANI.
YOU SHOULD HAVE HAD AN ATLANTEAN STRIKE FORCE ARRIVE AT YOUR LOCATION.
OH, YEAH. THEY'RE HERE.
THEY WILL PROVIDE COVER AS YOU SET UP THE DATA FILTER.
EVERYONE HAS TO BE READY TO ATTACK ON MY "GO."
BUFFALO SOLDIER, DO YOU COPY?
I DO, MA'AM. BUT MIGHT I SUGGEST WE GET TO GETTIN' ON OUR WAY?
THE LEVEL OF CAMARADERIE OVER HERE ISN'T EXACTLY WHAT IT SHOULD BE.

SHURI, GET THAT FILTER UP AND RUNNING. EVERYBODY ELSE...HEAD OUT!
WHAT'S YOUR GAME, NAMOR?
MUST THERE BE ONE?
YOU ARE DECEPTION PERSONIFIED.
IT'S YOUR *PARANOIA* THAT HAS BROUGHT YOU TO THIS POINT. IT IS A WAKANDAN, NOT AN ATLANTEAN, WHO HOLDS THE WORLD BY ITS DIGITAL THROAT.
YOUR SLEEPER AGENT WHO *YOU* TRAINED. WHO *YOU* DEPLOYED.
MY "GAME" IS THAT I AM TIRED OF SEEING THE LOSS INFLICTED BY YOUR SELF-SERVING RIGHTEOUSNESS.
NOTHING MORE, NOTHING LESS.
I DON'T BELIEVE YOU. NOT FOR A SECOND.
WHAT YOU BELIEVE NO LONGER MATTERS.

RIGHT HERE. THIS IS CLOSE ENOUGH. WE HACK THIS DATA CENTER, WE CAN BACKDOOR THE OTHER TWO.
HOW EXACTLY ARE YOU ABLE TO CALIBRATE THE DEVICE TO FILTER FOR A PARTICULAR KIND OF CODE?
YEAH, I'M SURE YOU'D LIKE TO KNOW. LET'S CALL IT "ELFIN MAGIC" AND LEAVE IT AT THAT.
SHURI, IT'S IMANI. ARE WE GO FOR CONTACT?
DAMN. NO. THE FILTER ISN'T CALIBRATING CORRECTLY.
WE ARE PAST THE POINT OF NO RETURN. YOU'VE GOT TO GET THAT FILTER WORKING.
...I CAN'T...
ALL OF MY WARRIORS ARE TRAINED IN CYBER DYNAMICS. LET THEM HELP.
IMANI, YOU CAN'T LET THE ATLANTEANS SEE OUR TECHNOLOGY.
STOPPING JHAI IS THE PRIORITY.
YOU'RE JUST HONING THE BLADE THAT WILL STAB YOU IN THE BACK. I BEG YOU... DON'T DO IT.
SHURI...

...LET THE ATLANTEAN HELP. THAT'S AN ORDER.
THAT'S MESSED UP, BUT... UNDERSTOOD.
MMM... INTERESTING USE OF VIBRANIUM TO ACT AS A HEAT DISSIPATER.
PROBLEM IS, IT ACTUALLY OVER-COOLS THE CPU. I'M SURE THE ATLANTEAN VERSION WILL BE MUCH BETTER, BUT FOR NOW...
...TRY THAT.
SHURI...?
SHE GOT IT. POWERING IT ON...
...NOW!
COPY. NOW HIT YOUR TARGET.

OSAKA DATA CENTER.
SIR, MULTIPLE CRAFTS INBOUND. SCANS ARE RETURNING SIGNATURES FROM WAKANDANS, ATLANTEANS AND THE AVENGERS.
WOW. FIGURES. ONE WAY OR THE OTHER, T'CHALLA'S THE ONLY PERSON WHO COULD BRING ENEMIES TOGETHER.
CUT LOOSE WITH THE HIROSHIMA CODE.
"WE" DIDN'T DO ANYTHING.
WE ACTIVATE THE CODE, WE MAKE THE ENTIRE PLANET GO DEAF AND BLIND.
T'CHALLA DID THIS.
SIR...?
DO IT!
YES, SIR!
CODE IS HOT!

SHURI, I'M PICKING UP AN ENERGY SPIKE COMING FROM THE OSAKA DATA CENTER. THEY'RE TRYING TO SEND THE CODE.
THEY'RE TRYING...
...JUST HOPE JHAI CAN HANDLE DISAPPOINTMENT.
WHAT THE &%$# DO YOU MEAN IT'S NOT WORKING?
THEY FOUND A WAY TO FILTER THE CODE.
NOT "THEY." SHURI.
WHAT DO WE DO?
FIGHT. TO THE DEATH IF WE HAVE TO.
EXCEPT FOR THE AVENGERS, THE TEAM T'CHALLA PUT TOGETHER'S NOT IN THE KILLSWITCH DATABASE. WE HAVE NO EDGE AGAINST THEM.
TO THE DEATH. THEIRS... OR OURS.

YOUR FRIEND HAS SENT A WELCOMING PARTY. SUCH A GRACIOUS PROTEGE.
ANYTIME YOU WANT TO QUIT TWISTING THE KNIFE AND ACTUALLY HELP...
TARGET THE SHIELDS! SHOW THEM WHAT ATLANTIS CAN DO.
GET JHAI!
WE'LL BRING HIM IN, IMANI. ONE WAY...
...OR THE OTHER!

ONE MORE TIME, I GO TO BATTLE.
THIS TIME, MAYBE FOR THE *LAST* TIME.
I HAVE ALIENATED MY FRIENDS.
I HAVE ELEVATED MY ENEMIES.
I HAVE BROUGHT TO THE FORE NEW HEROES.
WHAT HAS NOT CHANGED...IS THE REASON I FIGHT:
FOR WAKANDA!

READY?
I AM...
...NOW.
GREAT. IF YOU'RE DONE WITH YOUR HOT YOGA OR WHATEVER, LET'S GO DO SOME WORK.
BRIDGES ARE BUILT WITH KINDNESS, SHURI. NOT CONTENTION.
I'LL KEEP THAT IN MIND AS WE'RE KICKING ASS.

WE'RE OUT-NUMBERED AND OUTGUNNED. AND I'M NOT GOING TO BE MUCH HELP TO YOU, SOLDIER.
WELL, LIKE WE SAY WHEREABOUTS I'M FROM: THE LIFE YOU LIVED IS DEFINED BY THE WAY YOU--
ZZZZRRRRRR
UH, LADIES?
WWOOOMM
*"NOTHING LIKE BEING EMANCIPATED. WHO'S WITH ME?"
**"RIGHT THE [illegible] ON!"
...UHHHH, THAT'S MY THING...
THERE IS A WORLD OF POWERS AND ABILITIES OUT THERE, CAPTAIN. A WORLD OF 'EM.
YEAH, NO, BUT SERIOUSLY--

TOSIN, I--
YES, I KNOW--YOU DON'T NEED MY HELP. YOU COULD HAVE TAKEN HIM ON YOUR OWN.
THANKS FOR HAVING MY BACK.
...UH... YEAH. WE'RE A TEAM.
SEE, SHURI? KINDNESS BUILDS CHARACTER.
IT DOES INDEED, GENTLE. DOES INDEED!

THEY'RE TOO STRONG. WE CAN'T HOLD THE LINE.
TAKE MY PERSONAL DETAIL. FIGHT AS BEST YOU CAN, AS LONG AS YOU CAN.
WE CAN'T LEAVE YOU UNPROTECTED.
UNPROTECTED? NAH. T'CHALLA'S PREDICTABLE.
AND I STILL HAVE THE ULTIMATE WEAPON LEFT TO USE.
SO GO. FIGHT! WE'RE NOT DONE.
WE'RE JUST GETTING STARTED.

LET'S GO! WE WILL BRING JHAI T'CHALLA'S HEAD!
T'CHALLA... REINFORCEMENTS.
IT WON'T END UNTIL WE PUT DOWN JHAI.
CLEAR A PATH TO THE ENTRANCE.
ON IT!
YOU SERVE A TRAITOR!
BACK...
...ATCHA!

PERHAPS NOT THE BEST TIME, STEVEN, BUT KNOW THAT OF ALL THE MISTAKES I MADE, FEW ARE GREATER THAN HAVING BETRAYED YOUR TRUST.
GOOD-BYE, MY FRIEND.
"GOODBYE"? T'CHALLA, WAIT...!
T'CHALLA!
T'CHALLA...!

NEXT:

Don't miss the epic finale of John Aidley's game-changing run! Tensions are higher than ever as T'Challa must finally confront Jhai. Will he be able to convince Jhai to see reason, or is T'Challa doomed to grieve the loss of his best friend once again? And what of Namor's plans--and T'Challa's exile? Can he truly never again return to Wakanda?

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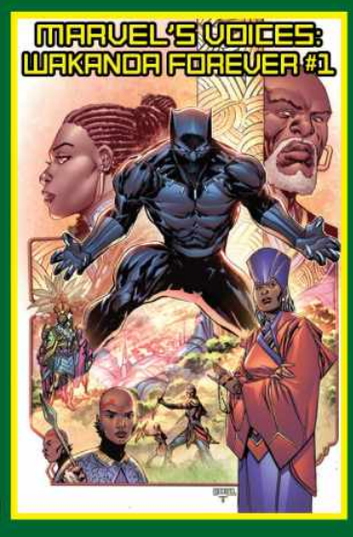

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